(e) the time by which a final agreement is likely to be reached?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The Main points of the memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 19.2.92 are as follows:–

(1). Cooperation in improving and setting up reliable telecommunication services between the two countries;

(2) To utilise to the greatest possible extent the telecom. facilities of each other for the transmission of telecommunication traffic to third countries;

(3) Telecom. Administrations of both the countries shall consult each other to establish the appropriate allocation and use of frequencies to avoid mutual interference to their radio communication services;

(4) The two Administrations shall consult each other regularly with a view to promoting technical and scientific cooperation in the field of telecommunications;

(5) The two Administrations may conclude special agreements to increase the scientific and technical cooperation in the field of telecommunications by means of mutual visits of experts, deputation of personnel, holding of joint studies, exchange of information and joint R&D activities.

(d) India can held Kuwait by providing Telecom. expertise and imparting training to the telecom. personnel of Kuwait.

(e). The present Memorandum of Understanding is subject to approval in accordance with the respective national legislations of both the countries and shall come into force from the date of receipt of the last notification of approval through diplomatic channels.

Proposals from Foreign Companies for Setting Power Plants

3971. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up power projects received since June 1991 from foreign companies and Non-Resident Indians; and

(b) the names of the projects alongwith the names of the foreign companies to whom these projects are proposed to be handed over and the details of the terms and conditions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The following proposals have been received from foreign companies and Non-Resident Indians for setting up power projects in the private sector:

S. No.	Name of Company/NRI*	Project/ State	Capacity (MW)	Approx. Cost (Rs. crores)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	M/s Coleman & Associates (Australian Consortium)	Barsingsar TPS (Rajasthan)	240	828.00 (Nov. 90 Prices)
2.	M/s ST Power Systems Inc., USA*	Zero Unit TPS (Tamil Nadu)	210	615 (July 91 prices)
3.	M/s Southern Electric International Inc., USA	Ib Valley TPS (Orissa)	2340	4680
4.	M/s Kalinga Power Corpn. in which M/s North East Energy of USA will hold majority share	Dubri TPS (Orissa)	500	1000
5.	M/s ABB, Sweden	Gas based (NTPC)	800	1600
6.	M/s GVK Industries*	Godavari CCGT	400	800

The scope for private sector participation has been widened with liberal financial, administrative and legal environment, also permitting 100% equity participation by foreign investors without the requirement to balance dividend payment with export earnings.

New Telephone Exchanges in Karnataka

3972. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Karnataka during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under:–

(i) Big Size exchanges - 2

(ii) Small size exchanges - 50

Implementation of Irrigation Projects

3973. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of WATER SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to chalk out a national programme to ensure timely implementation of all irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and